

# **Gay and Lesbian**

# **VOTE**

a profile of  
candidates' positions  
on issues affecting  
gay men and lesbians

# **2001**

**PRIMARY**

## **LEHIGH COUNTY**

with information about :  
County Executive, County Commissioner,  
Mayor, City Council and School Board races

**ELECTION DAY**  
**Tuesday, May 15**



Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance  
for political action



**Chris Altieri R**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- "I have always been an equal opportunity employer."

**Roger C. Reis R**

Did not answer questionnaire, but returned a statement that contained:

- ★ "Sexual orientation should not be a factor when considering the hiring or promotion of an individual, or in the awarding of contracts."
- ↓ "The issue of health and welfare benefits for same-sex partners is best resolved at the state level."

*Did not respond:* Daniel McNeill D

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
Altieri	★	➤	★	★
Reis	★	↓	0	0

**LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

*Did not respond:* Percy H. Dougherty R, Sterling H. Raber R

**LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3****Kurt Derr D**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- Regarding benefits for county employees said: "I believe that this is an issue to be decided as part of the collective bargaining process between the Executive Branch and employees' collective bargaining units."
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA fund raisers.

- ★ Did not complete questionnaire, but on Primary '99 questionnaire indicated that he supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and contracts that includes sexual orientation.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
Derr	★	➤	★	★
Maher	★	0	0	0

**LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4**

✓ **Daniel K. McCarthy D**  
**Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners, "but first a standard of uniformity and consistency must be established for both same-sex and non same-sex partners of county employees."
- ★ Was first candidate to attend Pride Festival (1996).

**James T. Spang, Jr. D**

- ★ Will support a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- "I would support the amendment of the county personnel policy in regards to benefits for same-sex partners on the condition that the policy meets Federal and State guidelines. The county must require a guideline similar to a common law union relating to contractual matters between the two partners resulting in consistency with the existing benefits program."

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
McCarthy	★	★	★	★
Spang	★	➤	★	★

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
✓Croslis	★	★	★	★
Bausch	►	↓	★	↓
✓ Ervin	★	0	►	★

## MAYOR OF ALLENTOWN

### ✓ Roy Afflerbach D Endorsed by PA-GALA

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees. "A legally binding life-sharing contractual document should be required in lieu of a marriage certificate."
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- ★★ As a State Senator cosponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWA's and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ★★ As a State Senator cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill (1995-1998).
- ★ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ↓ Voted for Defense of Marriage Act (1996).
- ★ Publicly advocated amending the Allentown Anti-discrimination Ordinance to include sexual orientation, from the stage of the 1998 Pride Festival.
- ★ PA-GALA Member.
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

### Siobhan L. Bennett D

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance. "If I am elected Mayor, I will publicly and actively work to get the amendment passed by Council so that I can sign it into law."
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees.

know we do agree on equal rights for every citizen in Allentown. I have never waffled or flipped on any issue, and I will never change my mind on this one."

### Pamela D. Varkony R

- ★ Will sign the amendment to Allentown's Anti-discrimination Ordinance, but will not commit to calling on City Council to pass the addition of sexual orientation to the Ordinance.
- "I am inclined to support the idea of partners being able to buy into benefits."
- ↓ Will not commit to re-establishing funding for the Allentown Human Relations Commission. "I will continue to support the existing (volunteer) Human Relations Commission."
- ★ "I acknowledge and appreciate the vital role that the gay and lesbian community has played in our city."

### Bob Lovett R

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ↓ Opposes extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees.
- ★ "One half of my United Way contributions go to the Aids Service Center, Inc."

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
✓Afflerbach	★★	★	★★	★	★★
Bennett	★★	★	★	★	★
Clark	★	0	0	0	0
Daday	↓↓	0	0	0	0
✓Smith	★★	★	★	★	★
Varkony	★	►	►	↓	★
Lovett	★	↓	0	↓	►

munity for so many years. I look forward to serving the community and the City of Allentown as a City Council Member."

### **John R. Siplak D**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ↓ Would not commit to support domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.

### **Duane J. Tolson D**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ↓ Opposes domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.

### **Emma Tropiano D**

- Did not respond to questionnaire: Information taken from other sources and previous questionnaires.
- ↓↓ Told PA-GALA committee she would cosponsor the amendment to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance if they postponed the introduction of the amendment until after the election, which they did. After the election, refused to cosponsor when the legislation was brought up.

### **Edward Foster R**

- ↓ Will not commit to introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ↓ Will not commit to support domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ↓ Opposes re-establishing funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- 0 Did not answer or said he needed more information on most questions.

## **BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

### **Craig T. Haytmanek**

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.
- "I support diversity of attitudes and beliefs."

*Did not respond:* Charlene Koch, Julie S. Venanzi

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
Haytmanek	★	►	★	★	★

## **EMMAUS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **John F. Belin, Jr. D**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor and work actively for the passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports benefits for same-sex partners of city employees.

### **Brent Labenberg R**

- ★ Will introduce or cosponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- Supports same-sex partner benefits only if partners pay for them, did not indicate what benefits he would support.
- "I have no problem with gays, but I do not understand why they should be treated any differently than anyone else that includes having specific laws just for them."

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING
Appel	★	★	★	★
Hunsberger	★	★	★	↓

### ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR

#### Maritza C. Alvarez D

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.

#### Robert M. Cohen D

- Did not respond to questionnaire, but sent statement indicating he would support Federal laws as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

*Did not respond:* Rebecca L. Orioski D., Jim Archibald R., Jayne R. Bartlett R., Samuel H. Hann, III R., Gabriel Khalife R., Eileen W. Ufberg R.

### WHITEHALL-COPLAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

*Did not respond:* Eileen B. Abruzzi D., Joseph A. Alban D., Scott J. Cope D., Michael J. Bankos R., Dominic E. Bellucci, Jr. R., Christine M. Parola R., Tom Rummel R., Joyce Wheeler R.

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**Craig B. Neely R**

- ⬇ Will not commit to introduce or cosponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ⬇ Will not support domestic partner benefits.
- ⬇ Is an attorney who believes that gay men and lesbians already have the same rights that are conferred upon all Americans.

*Did not respond:* Adam Bean D., Roger S. Whitcomb D., Dennis Gouldy R., Eileen S. Maguire R.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING
Belin	★★	★	★	★
Labenberg	★	►	↓	↓
Neely	↓	↓	↓	►

**WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER**

**Ronald W. Appel D**

- ★ Will cosponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports same-sex domestic partner benefits.

**Clair D. Hunsberger D**

- ★ Supports an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation, but would not agree to cosponsor or introduce.
- ★ Supports same-sex domestic partnership benefits for township employees, but did not indicate which benefits.

*Did not respond:* Elizabeth L. Buchmiller D., Philip Ginder D., Linda K. Snyder D., Steve Ament R., Bruce Geisler R., Kolin J. Kiefer R., Barbara Magro R.

- "Counselors should encourage students to find safe people to talk to among friends, families, etc., and the student who is deeply depressed should not be referred to psychiatric 'care' or 'medications.'"
- ★ "I support HIV/AIDS education that prevents infection and prevents discrimination against infected individuals."

**✓ Candido J. Garcia D  
Endorsed By PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ★ Running on a platform that outlines a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation.

**Mare Shaffer D**

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.
- When asked what should the school district do to prevent harassment of gay and lesbian students, responded: "I would have to hear some specific incidents to formulate an answer to this."

*Did not respond:* Jeanette Eichenwald D., Sandra H. Stecker R.

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
Alvarez	★	★	★	★	↓
✓Garcia	★	★	★	★	★
Shaffer	★	★	★	★	►

**PARKLAND SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

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**ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL 4 year term**

**Michael D'Amore D**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- "If I am elected to Council, my door (and my mind) will always be open."

**✓ Julio A. Guridy D  
Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- ★★ Co-founder of AIDS NET, also founded Latino AIDS Outreach Program, and expanded the program to Harrisburg, Reading, and Lancaster.
- ★★ Testified in favor of the addition of sexual orientation to the Anti-discrimination Ordinance at City Council meeting in 1998.

**✓Gail Hoover D  
Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★★ Actively lobbied City Council and other organizations for passage of the amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance (1998).
- ★ Supports domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- ★ PA-GALA Member.
- ★ PA-GALA Rainbow Team supporter.
- ★ FACT supporter.
- ★★ Founding board member of Lehigh Valley Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Board member and volunteer of several other Lehigh Valley GLBT organizations.
- † "I am proud to have been a member of this organization since 1985."

**David M. Howells, Sr. D**

- Did not respond to questionnaire.
- ↓ As an Allentown City Councilman refused to cosponsor or support the amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.

*Did not respond: Tom Burke R, Tim Hecht R.*

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
D'Amore	★★	★	★	★	★
✓Guridy	★★	★	★	★	★★
✓Hoover	★★	★	★	★	★★
Siplak	★★	0	0	★	0
Tolson	★★	↓	★	★	★
Tropiano	↓↓	0	0	0	0
Foster	0	0	0	↓	➤
Howells	↓	0	0	0	0

**BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL**

**Scott Glenn R**

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports same-sex domestic partner benefits. "However, such a change would have to include hetero, unmarried couples who co-habitate."
- With respect to training police to handle bias crimes: "In my view a crime is a crime and should be investigated and punished by the merits of the case, regardless of motive to the fullest extent of the law."

*Did not respond: Jean Belinski D., John Callahan D., Jim DelGrosso D., Mike Schweder D.*

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
Glenn	★★	★	➤	★	★

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## **LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**

*Did not respond:* Nicholas E. Englesson D., Kevin P. Ryan R

## **LEHIGH COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**✓ Matthew T. Croslis D  
Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of county employees in positions where these benefits are extended to the spouses of county employees.

**David K. Bausch R**

- ↓ As a candidate for Mayor indicated he would not support anti-discrimination legislation which included sexual orientation.
- ↓ As a candidate for a variety of public offices in the past 4 1/2 years, has flip-flopped 6 times on the issue of anti-discrimination.
- ↓ As an Allentown City Council member refused to cosponsor the amendment to add sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ↓ Opposes extending benefits to same-sex partners of county employees in positions where these benefits are extended to the spouses of county employees.
- ↓ Refused to attend or issue a proclamation for the Pride Festival.

**✓ Jane R. Ervin R  
Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ "Having a strong gay and lesbian population is a real positive for economic development because companies know that all of their employees will be accepted and happy in this community."

- ★ Will seek "creative funding sources" to re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission."
- ★ Founded Properties of Merit which is signed on to the Valley Free Press Anti-discrimination Statement.
- ★ PA-GALA Member.
- ★ Has marched in Pride Parades.
- ★ Has openly gay and lesbian members on her campaign team.

**David A. Clark D**

- ★ Did not respond to questionnaire, but sent statement that included: "I support the position that sexual preference is a private matter and should not be a factor in employment, benefits or housing."

**Bob Daday R**

- Did not respond to questionnaire.
- ↓ Stated in a Morning Call article that the reason he became a Republican was "gays in the military".
- ↓ Stated in a Morning Call article (2001) that he had "nothing against gays and lesbians," but he believed it was illegal for people to be protected from discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ↓ Worked to remove anti-discrimination employment protections for City employees (1999).
- ↓ Lobbied City Council to oppose the amendment of sexual orientation to the anti-discrimination Ordinance (1998).

**✓ Robert E. Smith Jr. R  
Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees.
- ★★ As VP of Allentown Human Relations Commission helped lead the effort to introduce anti-discrimination legislation to City Council.
- ★ As Allentown Human Relations Commissioner recommended a gay rights activist for the annual AHRC award.
- ★ PA-GALA member.
- ★ PA-GALA Rainbow Team supporter.

**VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001**  
**TAKE G & L VOTE 2001 WITH YOU TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY!**



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**PENNSYLVANIA GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE**  
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**Joseph P. Maher D**



## **PA-GALA**

The Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance for political action is the biggest gay and lesbian political organization in the state of Pennsylvania and the only political organization fighting for the rights of gay men and lesbians in the Lehigh Valley, and at the state and federal levels.

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